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DEFENDANT PLEADS GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY TO STEAL FIREARMS

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on February 11, 2004, Domanic Trishann Hopper, D.O.B. 10/03/82, of Phoenix, Arizona, pled guilty to participating in a conspiracy to steal firearms from federally licensed firearms dealers, in federal district court in Phoenix, Arizona.

Hopper, along with his three co-defendants, had been charged with violating Title 18 of the United States Code, Sections 371 and 922(u) for his role in the alleged conspiracy. He admitted that he, along with his co-defendants, agreed in August of 2001, to steal firearms from federally licensed firearms dealers and that they broke into and stole firearms from Peoria Pawn in Peoria, Arizona and from Randall's Firearms and Accessories in Glendale, Arizona.

A conviction for this crime carries a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment, a maximum fine of \$250,000.00, or both. Sentencing is set before Judge Frederick J. Martone on May 3, 2004.

The investigation in this case was conducted by Agent Sean Sander of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution is being handled by Mary Beth Phillips, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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